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TO
OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST
WHO LOVES LITTLE CHILDREN
AND WHO SAYS
TO THOSE WHO TRULY LOVE HIM
"FEED MY LAMBS"

PREFACE

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A CHILDREN'S HYMN

ALL glory to the Saviour King,
Who for our sakes was born,
A little helpless child like us,
On happy CHRISTMAS morn.

The eager Shepherds were the first
That Holy Babe to see ;
Then Wise Men journey'd from the East
At glad EPIPHANY.

He left His Father's rainbow Throne
The world to save and bless,
To teach us how to live and love,
And walk in holiness.

All through GOOD FRIDAY'S mournful hours
He bore man's shame and loss ;
That we might live, for us He died
On Calvary's bitter Cross.

That EASTER EVE in Joseph's tomb
Asleep His Body lay,
Until He rose to glorious Life
Upon the EASTER DAY.

And when ASCENSION DAY was come
He left this world again,
And passed from earth to highest Heaven
With all His Angel train.

Yet still to lead us in the way
That He had gone before,
At WHITSUNTIDE His Spirit came
To leave us nevermore.

And thus we sing to GOD on high,
One GOD in Persons Three,
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
At blessed TRINITY.

CHRISTIAN BURKE.



THE ANNUNCIATION

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE Angel Gabriel was sent from GOD unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a holy maiden, whose name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee : blessed art thou among women." But she was troubled at the saying. And the Angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary : for thou hast found favour with God. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee : wherefore the holy Thing which is to be born shall be called the Son of GOD. And thou shalt bring forth a Son, and shalt call His Name JESUS. And of His Kingdom there shall be no end." And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord ; be it unto me according to thy word."



WE give unto Thee, O Lord, most high praise for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in the glorious and most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son JESU Christ our Lord and GOD.



SHALL we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom JESUS loves so well ?
And to His glory, year by year,
Thy joy and honour tell ?



THE NATIVITY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

THE birth of our Lord JESUS Christ was in this way.

An Angel of the Lord appeared unto Saint Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary for thy wife ; for the Child which she is going to bear is conceived by the Holy Ghost. And thou shalt call His Name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." And Saint Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the Angel had bidden him. Now in those days there went out an order from Cæsar Augustus, the Emperor, that all tax-payers should be registered. So they went to register themselves, every one to his own city. And Saint Joseph went up with Mary from Nazareth to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the family of David. And while they were there, she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



SACRED Infant, all Divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this !

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face, so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.



THE SHEPHERDS

THE TIDINGS TO THE SHEPHERDS

THAT night there were some Shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock. And lo! an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said, "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be the sign; ye shall find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising GOD, and saying, "Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." When the Angel had gone away, the Shepherds said, "Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass." So they came with haste, and found where Blessed Mary and Saint Joseph were, and saw the Babe lying in a manger.



As the Shepherds went to Bethlehem, and found the manger, and the Babe lying in it, so we may go to GOD'S Altar, and find JESUS there, in the Blessed Sacrament of His Love.



THE WISE MEN

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

SOON after Our Lord was born, three Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His Star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was greatly troubled; and calling together all the chief priests, he asked them where the Scriptures said that the Christ was to be born. And they said, "In Bethlehem." Then Herod sent the Wise Men to Bethlehem, saying to them, "Go and seek carefully for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I may come and worship Him also." So they departed, and lo! the Star which they had seen in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy; and entering into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. And opening their treasure-boxes, they offered Him gifts, gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Then, warned by GOD in a dream not to return to Herod, they went home to their own country another way.



O DEAR Lord JESU, help me by Thy grace to give to Thee my best gifts, the gold of Love, the incense of good Prayers, and the myrrh of unselfish Deeds. Amen.



THE PRESENTATION

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

ALL Jewish parents had to present their first-born son to Almighty GOD. So forty days after Our Lord was born, Saint Joseph and the Blessed Mother brought the Holy Babe up to Jerusalem. And there was an old man there, whose name was Simeon. He was a good and holy man, and GOD the Holy Spirit had told him that he should not die, until he had seen the Lord's Christ. And now, guided by the Holy Spirit, he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the Child JESUS, he took Him into his arms, and said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation." When they had finished all that they had to do, Saint Joseph and Blessed Mary, with the Holy Child, went back to their own city Nazareth. And the Child grew, and became strong, and full of wisdom, and the grace of GOD was upon Him.



IN the Holy Eucharist, we present the Lord JESUS before GOD the Father. "O Heavenly Father, like Mary I desire to offer Him to Thee; like Simeon I desire to receive Him to myself; like Saint Joseph, I will try to guard His life within me."



IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

THE CHILD JESUS IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

OUR Lord's parents went every year to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, He went with them. After the Feast was over, when they all started home again, the Child JESUS stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents did not know this, for they thought that He was somewhere in the company ; so they went a day's journey before they missed Him. Then, after looking for Him in vain among their fellow travellers, they went back to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days, they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and answers. But His Mother said, "Son, why hast Thou treated us thus ? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing." And He said, "How is it that ye sought Me ? Knew ye not that I must be about My Father's business ?" But they understood not what He said. Then He went with them home again to Nazareth. But His Mother kept all His sayings in her heart.



O LORD JESU, Who in Thy childhood wast found in the Temple, help me to love to go to Church, because it is our Father's House ; make me very reverent there, and eager to learn His Holy Word. Amen.



THE HOME AT NAZARETH

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AFTER this, Our Lord lived with His Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, quietly and in loving obedience, for many years. And as He grew older, He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with GOD and man. Saint Joseph was a carpenter, and he taught his trade to the Holy Child, Who was supposed by the townsfolk to be his son. So the Lord JESUS Christ worked in the carpenter's shop until He was about thirty years of age.



IN our work, and in our play,
JESUS, be Thou ever near,
Guarding, guiding, all the day,
Keeping in Thy holy fear.

Thou didst toil, a lowly Child,
In the far-off holy land,
Blessing labour undefiled,
Pure and honest, of the hand.

Thou wilt bless our play-hours too,
If we ask Thy succour strong ;
Watch o'er all we say and do,
Hold us back from guilt and wrong.

Oh, how happy thus to spend
Work and play-time in His sight,
Till the rest which shall not end,
Till the day which knows no night !



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THE BAPTISM OF OUR
LORD

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ABOUT that time, a holy man called Saint John the Baptist was sent by GOD to prepare the way for Our Lord, by preaching in the deserts. A great many people went out to hear him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Saint John the Baptist said to them, "I indeed baptize you with water, but there is One that is coming after me, Who is mightier than I ; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." At last the Lord JESUS Himself came from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized. And as He came out of the water, He was praying ; and the Heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Holy Ghost coming down like a Dove upon Him, and lo ! a Voice from heaven, which said, " This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."



OUR Saviour Christ saith, " None can enter into the Kingdom of GOD, except he be born anew of water and of the Holy Ghost."



O MY GOD, I thank Thee that Thou hast made me Thine own child by my Baptism. Help me always to remember to Whom I belong, and to try to be a better child to Thee ; for JESUS' sake. Amen.



THE FASTING AND
TEMPTATION

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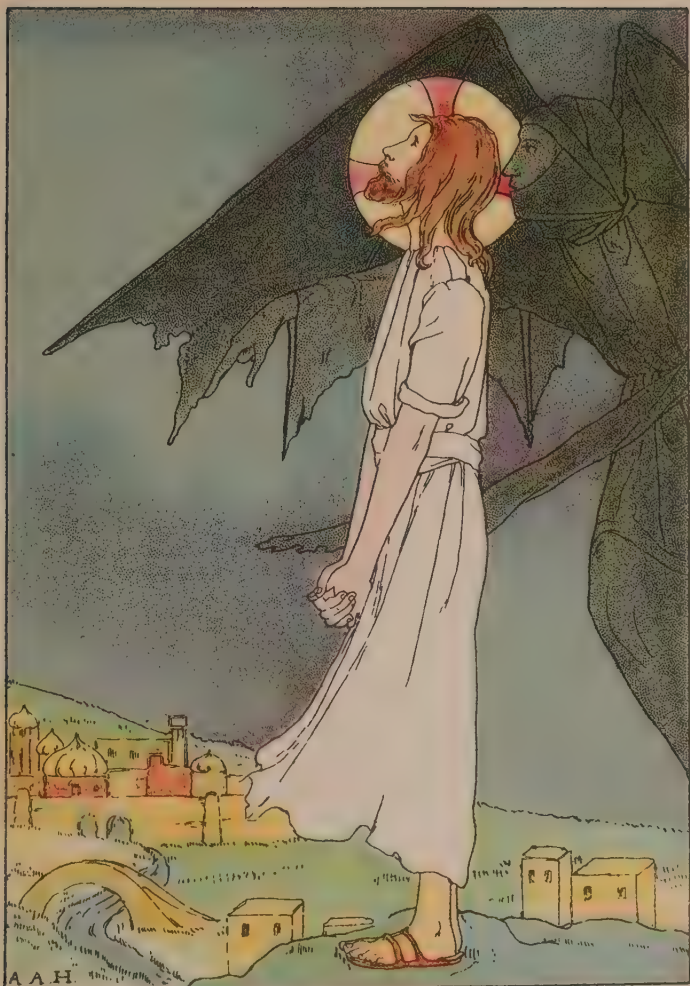
AFTER His Baptism, Our Blessed Lord was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, and He was there with the wild beasts forty days and forty nights. In all that time He ate nothing, and was afterwards hungry. Then the Devil came to Him, and said, "If Thou be the Son of GOD, tell this stone to become bread." But JESUS said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of GOD." The Devil next took Him to Jerusalem, and set Him on the pinnacle of the Temple, and said, "If Thou be the Son of GOD, cast Thyself down." JESUS said, "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy GOD." Again, the Devil took Him to the top of a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said, "All these I will give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." JESUS said, "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy GOD, and Him only shalt thou serve." Then the Devil left Him, and angels came and ministered to Him.



THERE's a wicked Spirit
Watching round you still,
And he tries to tempt you
To all harm and ill.

But ye must not hear him,
Though 'tis hard for you
To resist the evil,
And the good to do.

Ye are new-born Christians ;
Ye must learn to fight
With the bad within you,
And to do the right.



OUR LORD TEACHING
THE PEOPLE

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FROM that time, the Lord JESUS Christ began to preach, and to say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is now close at hand." And He went about in all the cities and villages, telling the Good News of the Kingdom, and great crowds followed Him. When JESUS saw the crowds of people, He had a most loving pity for them, because they were like sheep having no shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. Sometimes He would teach by the shore of the lake. One day, so great a crowd was gathered on the shore, pressing round Him to hear the word of GOD, that He entered into a boat, and sat in it on the sea, and all the people stood by the sea on the beach. And they were astonished at His teaching. JESUS said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His that sent Me. I speak the things which I have seen with My Father."



O LORD JESUS, I believe in Thee because Thou art the Truth. I believe all that Thou teachest me, by Thy word and by Thy Church. Lord, increase my faith, Bless those whom Thou dost now send to teach Thy Truth in Thy Holy Church, and give us grace to try and do the things we hear from them. Amen.



OUR LORD HEALING
THE SICK

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AS Our Blessed Lord went about in all the towns and villages, He not only taught the people, but also healed all kinds of disease and sickness among them. And the news of Him went forth into all the country, so that a great number of sick folk came to Him to be healed ; and the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard, and those who were troubled with evil spirits were healed. One day, at sunset, all the city was gathered together at the door of the house where He lodged, and they had brought all their sick, and He healed them every one. And wherever He entered, into villages, or into cities, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment ; and as many as touched Him were made well.



JESUS came into the world, full of Grace and Truth. He taught the Truth with His blessed lips ; He gave Grace through His touch. He still touches us in the Holy Sacraments, and His touch brings healing strength.



LORD, come to me, to cleanse me.
Lord, come to me, to heal me.
Lord, come to me, to strengthen me.



OUR LORD RAISING
THE DEAD

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ONE day a man called Jairus came and threw himself at Our Lord's feet, and begged Him to come to his house, for his only daughter, a little girl twelve years old, was dying. And JESUS went with him. But while they were on the way, a messenger from the house met them, and said, "Thy daughter is dead: trouble not the Master any further." But JESUS heard the message and said, "Fear not; only believe." And when they came to the house, they found many people weeping and making a noise. JESUS said, "Weep not, for the child is not dead, but sleeping." And they laughed at Him; but He put them all out of the room except the father and mother. Then He went in, and taking the child by the hand, said, "Little maid, arise." At once the child got up, and began to walk; and her parents were amazed. And JESUS bade them give her something to eat.



O LORD JESUS Christ,
Thou who didst raise the dead to life,
Raise those who are dead in sin to a new
life of holiness. Amen.



THE SENDING OF THE
APOSTLES

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ONE evening, Our Blessed Lord went out into a mountain to pray, and He continued all night in prayer to GOD. And when it was day, He called His disciples, and chose from them twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach the Kingdom of GOD, and to heal the sick. He named them Apostles, and He began to send them forth by two and two, and gave them power and authority over all evil spirits, and to cure diseases. He told them to take nothing for their journey except a staff, no bread, no money in their purse, no change of dress. So they departed, and went all through the villages, preaching everywhere that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.



CHRIST is gone up, yet ere He passed
From earth, in heaven to reign,
He formed one Holy Church to last
Till He should come again.

His twelve Apostles first He made
His ministers of grace ;
And they their hands on others laid
To fill in turn their place.

So age by age, and year by year,
His grace was handed on ;
And still the Holy Church is here,
Although her Lord is gone.



THE PRODIGAL SON

THE PRODIGAL SON

THIS is a tale Our Lord told to the people : A man had two sons ; and the younger one said to him, " Father, give me the share of thy goods that comes to me." So the father divided his goods between them. And not long after, the younger son went into a far country, and there he wasted his money in a wild life. When he had spent all, there came a terrible famine in that land, and he began to be in want. So he hired himself to a man, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And now he was so hungry, that he would have been glad even of the husks that the pigs were eating ; and no one gave him anything. At last he came to his senses, and said, " My father's servants have enough to eat, and I am dying of hunger. I will go back to my father, and ask him to take me as one of his servants." So he arose, and went to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion on him, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said, " Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." But the father said, " Bring out the best robe, and put it on him, and let us eat and be merry ; for this my son was dead, and is alive again ; he was lost, and is found."



THIS means that GOD is our loving Father, and even when we are bad children to Him, He still loves us ; and He will forgive us freely, if we are truly sorry.



CHRIST BLESSING LITTLE
CHILDREN

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THEY brought young children to the Lord JESUS Christ that He should touch them ; and the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when JESUS saw it, He was much displeased, and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the Kingdom of GOD. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of GOD as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And He took the young children up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.



I THINK, when I read that sweet story of old,
When JESUS was seen among men,
How He called little children like lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with them then.
I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arm had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me !"

But still Our Lord JESUS stands ready to bless,
And to welcome the lambs to His fold,
And His love for His little ones now is not less
Than it was for those children of old.

O, then, to His Altar I'll often repair,
Where by faith His kind Face I may see,
And may hear His sweet Voice, as He says to us there,
"Let the little ones come unto Me !"



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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AND it came to pass, as Our Blessed Lord was praying in a certain place, that when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." And He said unto them, "When ye pray, say,
Our Father, Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation ;
But deliver us from evil." Amen.



PRAYER is, speaking to GOD.
GOD loves to hear the prayers of His children.
But we must pray very reverently, and with our hearts as well as our lips.
"Words without thoughts never to Heaven go."
Prayer is the breath of the soul, and without Prayer our souls will die.



A RULE FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PRAYER

EVERY day, I'll kneel and pray,
Morning as well as night ;
And every week, GOD'S Altar I'll seek,
And worship in His sight.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JESUS said, "If any man hath a hundred sheep, and one of them is gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go into the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbours, saying unto them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'"

"I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I will give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."



JESUS is our Shepherd, wiping every tear;
Folded in His Bosom, what have we to fear?
Only let us follow whither He doth lead,
To the thirsty desert, or the dewy mead.

JESUS is our Shepherd, well we know His Voice;
How its gentlest whisper makes our hearts rejoice!
Even when it chideth, tender is its tone;
None but He shall guide us, we are His alone.



PALM SUNDAY

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WHEN the time drew near for Our Saviour to suffer at Jerusalem, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village facing you, and, as you enter it, you will find an ass's foal tied up, upon which no one hath ever yet sat; loose it, and bring it to Me." So the disciples did as He bade them, and they brought the foal, and threw their garments upon it, and set JESUS thereon. And He began to ride into Jerusalem; and, as He went, many of those who went with Him spread their garments in the road. Others cut down branches of trees, and strewed them in the way. Many of the people in the city, hearing that JESUS was coming, took branches of palm trees, and went out to meet Him. And as He came near the city, the whole multitude began to cry "Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest." Some children, too, who were in the temple, cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David."



ALL glory, laud, and honour,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet Hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.



THE GIFT OF THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST

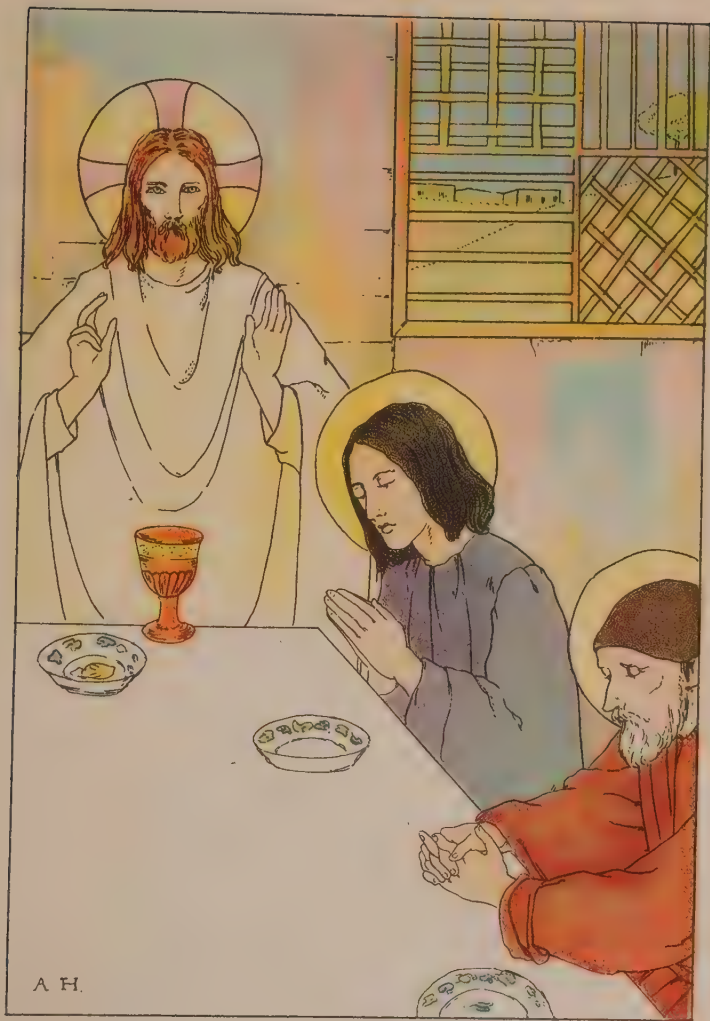
THE GIFT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NOW JESUS knew that the hour was coming when He should depart out of this world unto the Father, and having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. On the same night that He was betrayed, earlier in the evening, He sat at supper with the twelve Apostles in a large upper room in Jerusalem. And as they were eating, JESUS took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat ; **THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU : do this in remembrance of Me.**" Then He took the Cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this ; for **THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS : do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.**"



JESUS said, "He that eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, hath eternal life ; and I will raise him up at the last day." In the Sacrament of Holy Communion we truly receive the Body and Blood of our Most Blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.





A H.

GETHSEMANE

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AFTER Our Lord had given the Most Holy Sacrament to His disciples, and had said many things to them, they sang a hymn, and went out into the Mount of Olives. And they came to the garden of Gethsemane, and JESUS entered it with His disciples. And He said, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." He took with Him Peter, and James and John, and He began to be sorrowful and full of terror. Then said He unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death ; wait ye here and watch." And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this Cup pass from Me ; and yet, not My will, but Thine, be done." Then he came to His disciples, and found them asleep ; and He said unto Peter, "What, could ye not watch with Me one hour ? Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." Then came Judas, one of the twelve, with a crowd of men carrying swords and sticks ; and they laid their hands on the Lord JESUS, and bound Him, and led Him away. And all the disciples forsook Him and fled.



MY GOD ! My GOD ! and can it be
That I should sin so lightly now,
And think no more of evil thoughts
Than of the wind that waves the bough ?

O make me feel it was my sin,
As though no other sins there were,
That was to Him Who bears the world
A load that He could scarcely bear.



OUR LORD BEARING HIS
CROSS

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THEY led Our Lord away to the high priest's house ; and as soon as it was day, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came together and took counsel against Him to put Him to death. But as the government did not allow them to put Him to death themselves, they brought Him before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and accused Him of many things. And Pilate said to them, "I find no fault in this man." They all said, "Let Him be crucified." Pilate said, "Why, what evil hath He done?" But they cried out the more, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the people, delivered the Lord JESUS unto their will. And the soldiers led Him away, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, "Hail, King of the Jews." And they smote Him with their hands. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to be crucified. And He, bearing His Cross, went forth, and there followed Him a great company of people, and of women who wailed and lamented over Him.



O LORD JESUS, Who didst bear the heavy burden of the Cross, help me to bear patiently and gladly for Thy sake, all my troubles, and to take up my Cross daily, and follow Thee. Amen.



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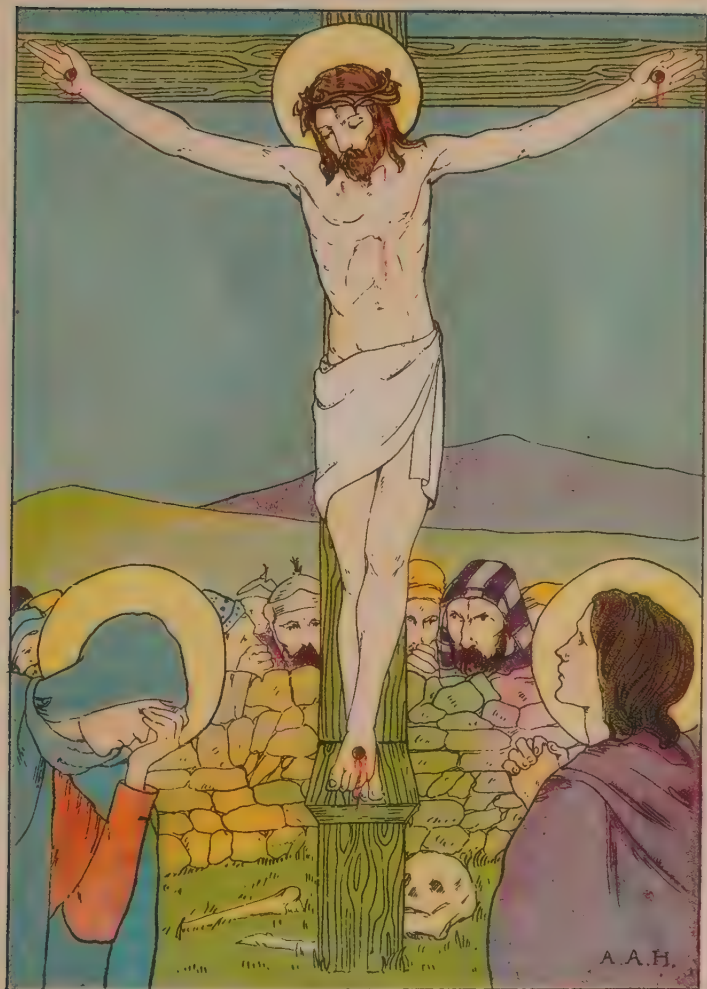
WHEN they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and with Him two, who were wicked men, one on either side, and JESUS in the midst. Then said JESUS, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And Pilate wrote a title in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, and had it put over the Cross ; and the writing was, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." And there stood by the Cross of JESUS, His Blessed Mother, and Saint John, the disciple whom JESUS loved. It was the third hour when they crucified Him, and there was darkness over all the land from the sixth to the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Our Lord cried with a loud voice, "My GOD, My GOD, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" After this, JESUS, knowing that all was now ended said, "I thirst." They put a sponge filled with vinegar to His lips, and when He had tasted the vinegar, He said, "It is finished." And then, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit." And having said this, He bowed His head, and JESUS was dead.



He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven,
Saved by His Precious Blood.



O MY GOD, I am very sorry for all my sins, because they crucified my Saviour JESUS Christ.



THE BURIAL

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WHEN the even was come, a rich man called Joseph of Arimathæa, who was a good man and secretly a disciple of the Lord JESUS, went to Pilate, and asked that he might take away Our Lord's body, and Pilate gave him leave. So he took it down from the Cross, and wrapped it in a clean linen sheet with sweet spices. Now in the place where JESUS was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new grave cut in the rock, in which no one had yet been laid. There they laid JESUS, and they rolled a great stone to the door of the grave. And some holy women who had followed the Lord JESUS, saw the grave, and how His body was laid. Then they returned home, because the Sabbath day drew on; and they rested on the Sabbath day, as the Commandment bade them. But the soul of the Lord JESUS was in Paradise.



O LORD JESU Christ, Who at the sad evening hour didst rest in the grave, grant to the souls of all the faithful departed, rest and peace. Amen.



JESU, Lord of dead and living,
Let Thy mercy rest on me;
Grant me, too, when life is finished,
Rest in Paradise with Thee.



A.A.H.

THE RESURRECTION

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WHEN the Sabbath was past, very early in the morning of Sunday, the first day of the week, the holy women came to the tomb, bringing sweet spices. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away ; and, entering in, they found that the body of the Lord JESUS was not there. But they saw an angel sitting there ; his face was like lightning, and his robe as white as snow ; and they were afraid. And the angel said, " Fear not ye ; for I know that ye seek JESUS, Which was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." And they departed with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples. And as they went, behold JESUS met them, saying " All hail." And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him. Then said JESUS unto them, " Go, tell My brethren to go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me."



JESUS lives ! for us He died ;
Then alone to JESUS living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia !

JESUS lives ! our hearts know well
Naught from us His love shall sever ;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
Tear us from His keeping ever.
Alleluia !



Л.А.М.

OUR LORD APPEARING TO
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ONE of the holy women, St. Mary Magdalene, had come earlier, when it was still dark, to the grave, and had seen that the stone was taken away. She ran back to the city, and told Saint Peter and Saint John. Then she returned, and stood by the grave weeping. And, as she wept, she stooped down and looked in, and saw two angels clothed in white. They said to her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." And when she had said this, she turned round, and saw JESUS standing, and knew not that it was JESUS. JESUS said unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said, "Sir, if thou hast borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away." JESUS said unto her, "Mary." She turned herself, and said unto Him, "Rabboni," which means, "My Master." JESUS said unto her, "Touch Me not, for I am not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and to My GOD and your GOD."



"HE calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out"—out of sorrow into joy.



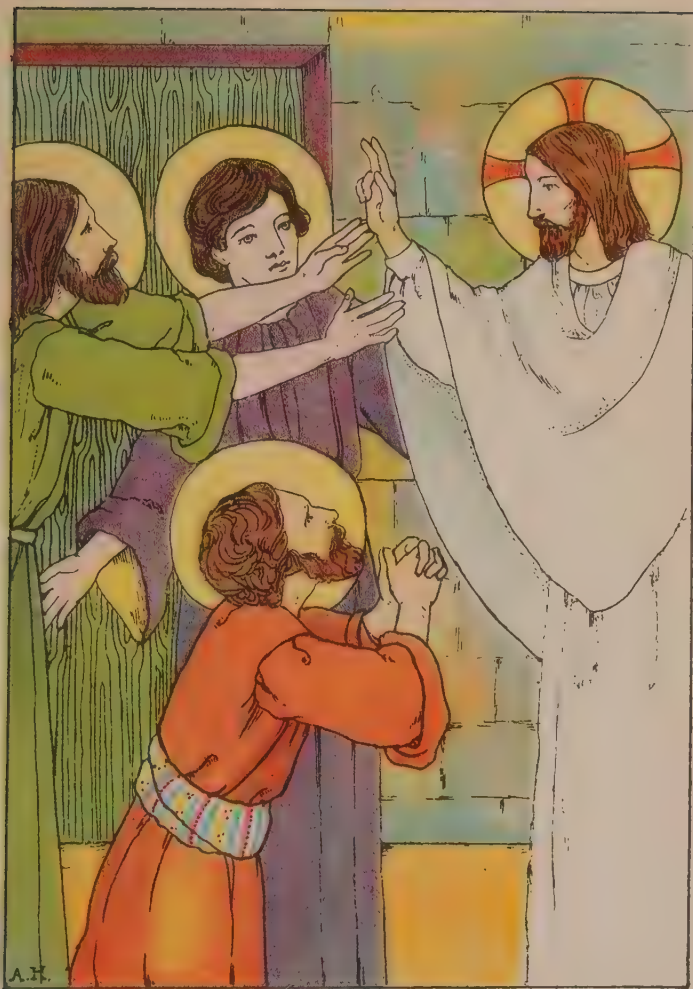
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THAT same day, the first day of the week, when it was evening, and the doors of the house where the disciples were gathered were shut because they were afraid of the Jews, JESUS came and stood in the midst, and said unto them, "Peace be unto you." And when He had said this, He showed unto them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Then said JESUS unto them again, "Peace be unto you ; as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost : whose-soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven them ; and whose-soever sins ye leave unforgiven, they are left unforgiven."



THE same power of forgiving sins which Our Lord gave to His disciples, He gives to every Priest when he is ordained. So when we are in trouble about our sins, we may go to GOD'S Priest. He will help us to confess our sins to GOD, and will give us good advice ; and, best of all, if we are really sorry, he will give us GOD'S loving message of forgiveness.



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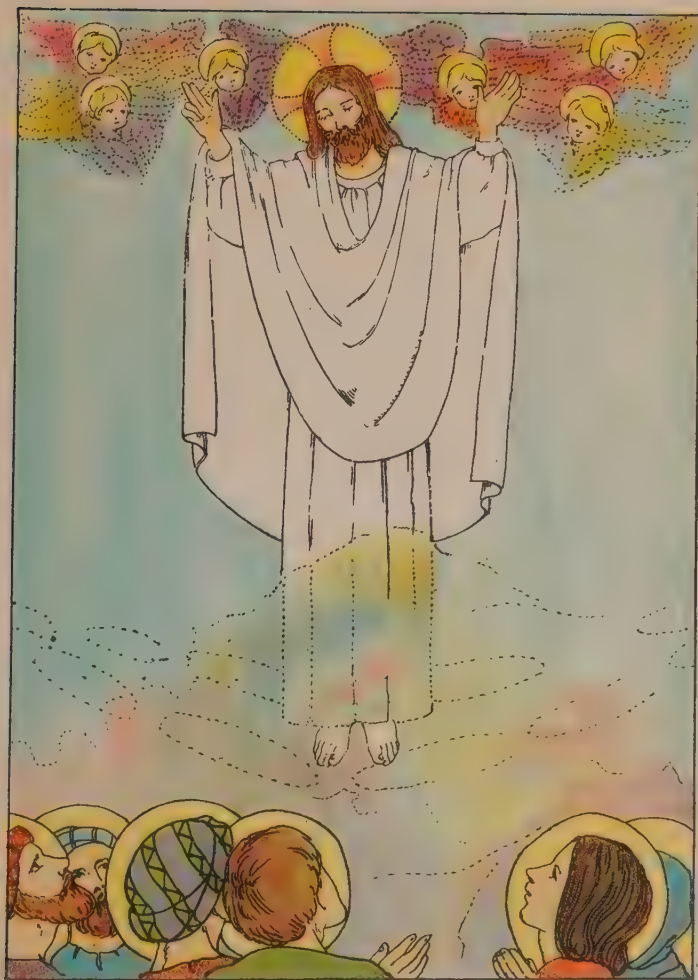
THE ASCENSION

DURING forty days after He rose from the dead, Our Lord appeared to His Apostles, and spoke to them the things concerning the Kingdom of GOD. He said to them, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to keep all the commandments I gave you ; and lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world." But He bade them not to depart from Jerusalem, until they should be clothed with power from on high ; "for," said He, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." And He led them out towards Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and taken up into Heaven ; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.



OUR Blessed Lord ascended :—

1. To receive His reward.
2. To prepare a place for us.
3. To send the Holy Spirit upon His Church.
4. To make intercession for us before the Father.



THE GIFT OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT

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WHEN the Apostles reached Jerusalem, they went up into the Upper Room, which was now their place of meeting. There for nine days they all continued steadfastly in prayer, with the holy women, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of JESUS. And when the Day of Pentecost came, as they were all together in one place, suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues like as of fire, which parted themselves among them, and upon each one of them a tongue rested. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. It was the Lord JESUS CHRIST, exalted at the right hand of GOD, who had received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, and was pouring forth that Holy Spirit upon His Church.



In the Sacrament of Confirmation, Our Lord now gives to us the fulness of His Holy Spirit, to make us strong Christians, and good soldiers in His Army.



HOLY Ghost ! come down upon Thy children,
Give us grace, and make us Thine ;
Thy tender fires within us kindle,
Blessed Spirit ! Dove Divine !



JESUS, THE JUDGE OF THE
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ONE day Our Blessed Lord will come back again, to judge the world. We shall all stand before Him, and shall be judged for what we have thought and said and done, and for what we have left undone. He Himself has told us what the Judgment-Day will be like, in these words: When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the Throne of His glory; and before Him shall be gathered all the nations. And He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats; and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say to those on the right hand, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Then shall He say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into the eternal Fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels." And they that have done evil shall go away into eternal punishment; but they that have done good into eternal life.



JESU! JESU!
We believe that Thou shalt come:
To be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants:
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints
In glory everlasting. Amen.



A. A. H.

A HYMN OF JESUS' LOVE

ALL we have we owe to JESUS,
His dear children all are we ;
Through all troubles He will bring us,
His bright home in heaven to see.

Long before the world's creation,
He was reigning, GOD the Son ;
There was never a beginning
To the Holy Three in One.

Once He laid aside His glory,
And was born a little Child,
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary—
Maiden meek and Mother mild.

Thirty years in secret dwelling
He fulfilled His Father's will,
And for three years showed His glory,
Patient and obedient still.

On the Cross they nailed His Body,
And they set Him up on high ;
Thus the God of earth and Heaven
For our sins did truly die.

From the Cross His Blood was streaming,
All our sins to wash away ;
In that Precious Blood He washed us
On our bright Baptismal day.

Now dear JESUS reigns in heaven,
Yet is with us here below,
Smiles upon us when we please Him,
Sorrows when astray we go.

Therefore we must give Him gladly
Every action, thought, and word ;
And His loving voice of warning
Must within our hearts be heard.

If the devil should persuade us
Our dear Lord to disobey,
Very earnestly to JESUS,
For His pardon we must pray.

He will give it, if we ask Him ;
And if still our hearts are sad,
Words of Holy Absolution
From His Priest shall make us glad.

Greater things He yet will give us,
For Our Lord is very good ;
He will give us, at His Altar,
His own Body and His Blood.

First in Holy Confirmation
We the Seven-fold Gift must share,
Of the Holy Ghost descending
On us at the Bishop's prayer.

Then may we receive our Saviour,
Taste His sweetness and His love ;
Feed on Him, in faith adoring,
Till we reign with Him above.

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His dear children all are we ;
Through all troubles He will bring us,
His bright Home in Heaven to see. Amen.

V. S. S. COLES.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be JESUS CHRIST,

True GOD and true Man.

Blessed be the most sweet Name of JESUS.

Blessed be JESUS in the most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost,
the Comforter.

Blessed be GOD Almighty in all His
Angels and Saints.

Blessed be the most Holy and Glorious Trinity,
Three Persons and one GOD,
now and for evermore.



GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son :

And to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
World without end. Amen.

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